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CELLULOSE GEL PRODUCTION OF VEGETABLE GELS

the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

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Application No.	Country	Filing Date	Priority Claimed (Yes/No)
9624204.5	GB	21 NOVEMBER 1996	Yes
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